

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

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19. (Amended Three Times) A wound dressing comprising in combination:
- (i) a first wound contact layer which comprises alginate or a material which promotes clotting via agglutination of red cells,
  - (ii) a second layer of greater hydrophilicity than the first layer applied to said first wound contact layer, and
  - (iii) a breathable film associated with said first wound contact layer and said second layer having an increased MVTR capability in the presence of liquid water as compared to moisture vapor alone.

In accordance with Rule 1.121, a marked up version of Claim 19 is supplied as an attachment hereto.

Please add claims 40-47 as follows:

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40. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein layer (i) is a woven, non-woven or knitted fibrous material.
41. A dressing as claimed in claim 40 wherein layer (i) is a felt.
42. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein said layer (i) comprises calcium alginate.
43. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein said layer (i) comprises zinc alginate.
44. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein said layer (i) comprises silver alginate.
45. A dressing as claimed in claim 28 wherein layer (i) is a woven, non-woven or knitted fibrous material.
46. A dressing as claimed in claim 42 wherein layer (i) is a felt.